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In re Patent Application of

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PROPHYLACTIC, THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

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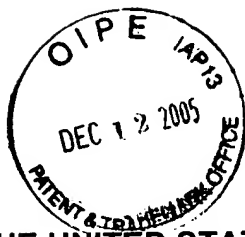
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 11, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated October 3, 2005, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested, along with the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A Notice of Appeal was filed October 11, 2005.